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TAGS: PFOR, PN  
SUBJECT: REACTION TO RELEASE OF TORRIJOS-KISSINGER LETTER

REF: PANAMA 8676

1. AFTER BRIEF FLURRY (REFTEL) NEWSPAPER AND OTHER MEDIA, COVERAGE OF TORRIJOS' LETTER HAS BEEN BURIED BY CHRISTMAS NEWS. MATUTINO OF DEC. 25 CARRIED UPI WIRE STORY ON STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS STATEMENT, BUT WITH NO COMMENT. CRITICA EDITORIAL OF DEC. 27, RESPONDING TO UPI WIRE STORY ON PRESS RELEASE, SUMMARIZES POINTS DENYING BOMBING CHARGE REVEALED IN TORRIJOS-KISSINGER LETTER. EDITORIAL STATES THAT TORRIJOS WAS OBLIGED TO ANSWER THE ACCUSATION AND DID SO EFFECTIVELY.

2. COMMENT: IN PART, TORRIJOS' LETTER HAS BEEN SUBORDINATED TO CHRISTMAS NEWS, BUT PAUCITY OF MEDIA ATTENTION MAY ALSO BE A FURTHER INDICATION OF GOP'S STATED PLANS TO TREAT THE MATTER "SOBERLY".  
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